

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 7, paragraph [0015] please replace with the following paragraph:

[0015] The PNNI routing and signaling scheme is often said to be a “source routing” scheme because the appropriate path for a network connection is determined at the node that acts as its source endpoint or “source node” (e.g., node 102₁ for connections initiated by node 105₁). Patent Application 09/996,485 filed on November 27, 2001, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,480,239 B1 on January 20, 2009 (hereinafter, “the earlier patent”) and which has been assigned to the assignee of the present application, describes a method and apparatus for priority based connection establishment within a PNNI ATM network that allows for bumping of connections.